

RETURN TO MEXICO WHEN HE IS NEEDED

Diaz Would Aid His Country
in Fighting Foreign
Intervention.

CONFIDENCE IN HUERTA

Believes New President Will Be
Able to Restore
Peace.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
Cairo, Egypt, February 24.—Porfirio Diaz, deposed dictator of Mexico, and now again a power in the affairs of his country through the ascendancy of his nephew, Felix Diaz, in the event of foreign intervention, will return to Mexico and fight whatever nation seeks to restore peace.

The aged warrior received The Times-Dispatch correspondent to-day at Luxor, where he is making a short stay. His abode here is temporarily moored here while he makes trips to Denderah and other noted temples. He was keenly interested to learn the latest news from Mexico. When the subject of intervention was broached, his face showed all its old fiery determination.

"The case of foreign intervention, which includes intervention by the United States," he declared emphatically, "I would go back at once—or even if it didn't—and do my duty to my country."

"No, I won't return to Mexico until the country is in a quite peaceful condition," he continued. "I expect to leave Egypt early in March for France, but my movements after then depend upon future occurrences. At present I am quite content to leave the destiny of my country to Huerta."

"I have every confidence in Huerta, whom I consider honest and trustworthy. He may be relied upon to carry on the business of the country in an efficient manner. He is an officer and a gentleman, who possesses the confidence of all classes in Mexico. Personally I have the greatest respect for and confidence in him. I chose him to escort me from Mexico City to Vera Cruz when I was exiled."

"I think General Huerta is fully in a position to maintain order until a constitutional government has been definitely established."

"I prefer to say nothing regarding the faults of Francisco Madero's rule or the cause of the revolution. As a political opponent of Madero my opinion might be considered biased."

Questioning regarding the probability of further complications in Mexico, General Diaz said:

"That depends entirely upon the energy of the provisional government in suppressing pillage and brigandage. Felix Diaz has had long experience in the army and fully realizes the importance of having respect for life and property, as do also the members of his party."

"I prefer to the question of intervention be concluded."

"I and my adherents always have been and will remain sincere friends of the United States government. I cannot imagine the United States or others taking any action inconsistent with America's well-known honesty of purpose."

General Diaz will leave Cairo for Paris on March 10. He and his family say they are delighted with Egypt and hope to spend several months here during 1914.

WILSON WILL FIND ALL IN READINESS

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Government owns in Eastern waters, can only carry a brigade at most, and there are three brigades in this division. It will be necessary to charter from ten to fifteen merchant steamers of large size to accommodate the remaining two brigades. The quartermaster's department has a long list of available ships, but as it would cost on an average of \$100 a day for each ship to keep them ready for service, the War Department has avoided incurring any such large liability, so in all probability it will remain for the new administration to authorize this expenditure if it sees fit.

WANTS TO BE FIRST CALLED.

Services of North Carolina National Guard tendered to Government.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Raleigh, N. C., February 24.—The services of the North Carolina National Guard were tendered to the United States War Department for service in the Mexican campaign by Adjutant-General Lawrence W. Young, of the North Carolina Guard. He requested that the North Carolina Guard be the first designated for this service.

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WAR DISCUSSION ENDS IN SHOOTING

Bristol Fruit Dealer Probably
Fatally Injured by Livery-
man's Son.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bristol, Va., February 24.—M. H. Haney, a native of Syria, and a fruit merchant here, was shot four times in his place of business late to-night by Harry Thompson, twenty-five years of age, and son of a local liveryman. Three shots fired from an automatic revolver pierced Haney's breast and the fourth entered his groin. His condition is critical, and he has small chance to recover. The shooting is said to have followed a dispute over the purchase of a horse. Thompson, who was drinking, was arrested by Officer O'Dell and other members of the police force and locked up.

WOMAN SHOT BY NEGRO MAN.

He Calls Her to Door and Fires as She Opens It.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Henderson, N. C., February 24.—About 12 o'clock to-night Ella Moss, colored, aged twenty-five years, was called to her door on Charles Street and as she opened it she was shot by a negro man, who made his escape. George Gill, colored, was to have been married last night, and preparations were being made for the wedding. The prospective groom failed to put in appearance. Later it was learned he was at church with the most woman at the hour appointed for the marriage. The wounded woman recognized Gill as her assailant.

Mystery in Woman's Suicide.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Washington, February 24.—George W. Lee, of this city, returned home this evening and found his wife, Mrs. Laura B. Lee, thirty-eight years old, a suicide. The motive is a mystery to the coroner. Mrs. Lee apparently thrust the muzzle of a revolver in her mouth and pulled the trigger. She was alone at the time.

JURORS AGAIN LOCKED UP.

Fail to Agree in Huff Case After De-
liberating for Fifty-Seven Hours.

Ashville, N. C., February 24.—At midnight to-night the jury in the case of the State against John Huff, a negro charged with the killing of Edward McConnell, a member of the local police force, on July 4, 1911, had failed to reach a verdict after considering the case for fifty-seven hours. Judge Steven C. Bragaw, the jury judge, called the jury into court this afternoon to tell it that further effort must be made to reach a verdict. In view of the expense already incurred by the State in this and previous trials, the foreman of the jury asked that certain portions of the evidence be read over, and after this was done the twelve jurors were again locked up.

OREGON AROUSED

People Do Not Want Historic Ship Sold

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Portland, Ore., February 24.—The publication of a dispatch from Washington saying the Secretary of the Navy had recommended that the battleship Oregon be sold for scrap iron has aroused the people of this State in protest.

A joint resolution will be introduced in the Legislature at Salem protesting against the recommendation, and urging that the historic craft be given to Oregon for use of its naval militia.

A petition by the people of the State is being circulated.

BLOOD AND IRON RULE OF HUERTA IS TRIUMPHANT

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government will follow a progressive program, as they wish.

Through his secretary, General Huerta said the government would adopt such principles of the San Luis Potosi plan, as were revised in Tabuaya, as were compatible.

Demand Revenge.

In the north intense excitement prevails over the killing of Madero and Suarez. Far from the cannon and soldier and secret service spies that have crowded Mexico City, the people of the northern districts openly demand revenge.

In Sonora, the State Legislature will convene to determine whether the state will declare in open revolution to the Huerta regime.

A faint "viva Madero" from a little group of peons huddled with heads bared outside the frowning gates of the penitentiary was heard to-day as the final plaudits for the man who, less than two years ago, rode triumphant through a city that strewed his path with flowers and thundered his name from the house-tops.

Federal soldiers, with fixed bayonets, dispersed the peons, and the body of Madero, in a plain wooden casket, was borne on the shoulders of soldiers to the French Cemetery, where it was placed in its temporary resting place in a mausoleum.

Shortly afterward the body of Suarez was removed to the Spanish Cemetery and temporarily entombed.

Permission has been granted for the removal of Madero's body to San Pedro de Los Pinos, the family estate in Coahuila. The decision of the Huerta government to intrust the remains of Madero to his widow came reluctantly and not until Ambassador Wilson had sent a sharp reminder to Huerta that he should at least accord the fallen idol the decencies of civilized procedure.

How the government is finally to explain the deaths of Madero and Suarez and the immediate secretion of the bodies is problematical in view of the developments of to-day.

New Version Given.

The bodies of the two murdered statesmen were found lying in the rear of the penitentiary. Red stains marked the spot. This fact being incompatible with the version of the affair, the government to-day promulgated a new version. This version had stated that the bodies lay at a distance from the rear of the penitentiary and the path between the palace and the penitentiary.

Now it is explained that the automobiles ran along a side road and that Madero and Suarez jumped out and were running when they were shot between the fire of the rural guards escorting the prisoners and their assailants. In this way the government accounts for wounds being inflicted on the victims from front and back.

Contradicting both of these versions, however, is that of a eyewitness of the tragedy.

The announcement had gone forth early in the evening that Madero and Suarez already had been conveyed to the penitentiary. Two hours before the shooting, the populace, or those who were running, remained in the streets, believed that Madero was at last assured of a fair trial. He had been taken to the prison for safer keeping.

Before 11 o'clock the lights in the palace went out, and it was believed that the day and its events had been officially ended.

There is one man, however, who lived near the palace, who was viewing the magnificent building and its gardens and watching the sentries. A few minutes after 11 o'clock, the doors of the War Department swung open, and two automobiles sped into the Calle Moneda.

In one machine was the short, bearded Madero, sitting erect, in the rear seat. Behind him sat Juan Cardenas, of the Seventh Rurales. Another officer sat beside the chauffeur.

In the other car was Jose Pino Suarez, with two officers and a chauffeur.

Course Easily Followed.

The course of the day could be easily followed. The plaza was deserted and there were no vehicles in the adjacent streets. The moon made the plaza and its environs a bright expanse of white light.

The autos followed the Calle Moneda about ten blocks and then whirled down a side street, coming out on the Calle Lecumberria. At the end of the Calle Lecumberria is the prison entrance of the penitentiary.

The automobiles did not enter the prison at the front entrance, and in less than one minute after the machines reached the end of the street shots were heard. There were probably twenty shots.

The man who heard the shots, rushing about to the doors of the prison, asked a guard the cause of the firing. He was told he did not know. He came no more than what he heard—shot from the rear of the prison.

A minute later an officer came from behind the building and announced that Madero and Suarez were dead.

Examination of the automobile tracks showed that the machines had been turned abruptly to the left after reaching the entrance to the prison and gone directly to the north end of the penitentiary.

In view of this version of the shooting, given by a man who ran after the automobiles and saw the bodies carried out from the rear of the prison, an official explanation is made to the effect that the automobiles were run past the entrance to avoid Madero. The man who followed the autos declares he saw none but guards in front of the penitentiary.

One charge which the authorities have sought to explain away is that Madero and Suarez were shot at close range. A formal autopsy was held over the bodies, it is alleged, for the purpose of covering powder marks and other indications that the two men were shot at close range.

His Hair Burned.

Madero's hair, according to the report, was actually burned by the flame from the weapon that killed him. Subsequent examination of the body, it is said, showed that the hair had been singed from the wounds. Clothing on the body of Suarez was changed. It is charged, because his garments bore powder stains around the bullet holes.

There is no faith in the government's revised explanations. Everywhere is the secret conviction, expressed to-day by El Noticiero Mexicano, an independent paper, in the bold statement that "Madero and Suarez were executed with not even a sham attack to support the official report."

The government has taken prompt action to get under way what purports to be a determined effort to establish the facts of the killing of Madero and Suarez and to punish those guilty of the crime.

The President and Cabinet discussed

the affair at an all-night meeting, and this morning the military prosecuting attorney, Vasquez Tagle, began sittings as a military judge taking evidence under oath. Civil Prosecuting Attorney Castenon was requested to make such inquiries as required by law.

Major Cardenas, who sat beside Madero in the automobile as he rode to his death, has been arrested.

Abraham Gonzales, the Governor of Coahuila, who has been arrested, is being brought to the capital in chains, and General Rabago, who will succeed him, has been dispatched to Coahuila City to meet him.

General Aurelio Banquet, the military commander of the Federal district will probably be appointed Governor of the State of Mexico, and General Joaquin Maas, it is understood, is slated for the governorship of the State of Vera Cruz.

Juan Sanchez Azcona, former secretary to Madero, who was caught in flight with 11,000,000 pesos, was brought to this city to-day from Puebla.

WILSON ACCEPTS STORY OF DEATHS

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the rebel army in the South, and is due perhaps to ignorance of developments in the capital.

It is said that the new revolution attempted by Emilio and Raoul Madero, brothers of the late President, is making little headway.

"For all the victims," are the words which, on a field of black, will hang for three days across the Chamber of Deputies Building in memory of all those who lost their lives in the revolutionary outbreak which began in 1910.

Unofficially Mr. Wilson called the attention of the new President to various matters remaining unsettled between the two governments, and urged that attention be given them, not necessarily in accordance with international law, but on the basis of the friendship existing between the two nations.

It will be remembered that last September the State Department at Washington forwarded a note to the Mexican government, the contents of which, while never made public, were generally understood to contain a sharp admonition to Mexico to give immediate attention to the demands of Americans for indemnity by reason of loss of life and property during the revolution. It also was alleged to contain a demand for adequate protection of American interests.

No Adequate Reply Made.

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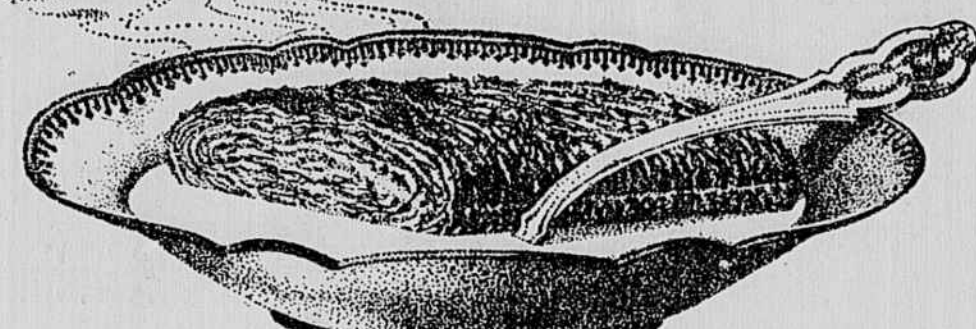
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Charters by the State.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Raleigh, N. C., February 24.—The Bank of Fallston, Cleveland County, has been chartered with \$10,000 capital authorized and \$5,000 subscribed, by W. D. Lachey and others, for savings and general banking business. Other charters have been issued to the Elks Home Incorporated and \$5,000 subscribed by Norman P. B. Beard, C. R. Probst, J. M. Maupin and others for erecting a home for Elder Lodge No. 698, Salisbury; the Diamond Bottling Co., \$25,000 capital authorized and \$5,000 by W. H. Calhoun and others, for bottling business at Copocod.

VISIT SCENE OF WRECK.

Number of Amelia People Attacked by Disaster.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Amelia Courthouse, Va., February 24.—A number of citizens of Amelia went up to the scene of the Southern wreck near Jennings Ordinary yesterday.

Miss Courtney Taylor and Miss Butler, teachers in the Amelia High School, were passengers on train 8, returning from Burkeville to Amelia, and were shaken up and bruised, and are in a nervous condition to-day. The extent of their injuries is not yet determined.

DEATH PENALTY SOUGHT

Circus Clown and Wife on Trial for Murder.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Chicago, February 24.—The death penalty is being asked for Charles Cramer, alias Conway, the circus clown, and his wife, Mrs. Lillian Beatrice Ryall-Conway, who were placed on trial in Judge Kerston's court to-day for the murder of Sophia Singer, the Baltimore heiress. Assistant State's Attorney Fleming, who is conducting the prosecution, is qualifying the jurors to impose the death penalty if they feel at the close of the trial that the facts and circumstances warrant it. Eight jurors were selected at to-day's session, and with

the progress made it became possible that the panel will be completed to-morrow morning and the hearing of testimony begun.

The trial was begun after lengthy arguments had been made for a continuance. Colonel John L. Martin, of St. Louis, counsel for Mrs. Conway, argued that he could not go to trial because he is a sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic National Committee, and had to be present in Washington to assist in the preparation for the inauguration of President-Elect Wilson.

Attorney Remus was finally engaged to take the place of Mr. Martin.

STEFFINS ON STAND

Writer Is Witness in Behalf of Clarence Darrow.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Los Angeles, Cal., February 24.—Lincoln Steffens, the writer, and Leconte Davis, the associate counsel in the McNamara case, were the two witnesses on the stand during to-day's session of the Clarence Darrow trial. Both testified principally to the negotiations leading up to the confession in the McNamara case and the entering of the pleas of guilty.

Mrs. Darrow probably will go on the witness stand to-morrow and testify in her husband's behalf. Her testimony will be relative to a conversation with Attorney John R. Harrington, of Chicago, who was connected with the McNamara defense, and was one of the prosecution's principal witnesses, and will be of an impeaching nature.

Darrow himself will follow his wife to the stand, and will be the closing defense witness.

The final arguments will commence by the first of next week.

Suit Instituted.

Suit was instituted yesterday in the Law and Equity Court by W. D. Bowen against Fannie E. Stuart, executrix under the will of Charles E. Stuart, for damages laid at \$1,000.

Judgment Entered.

In the case of the Anderson-Lewis-Gray Company, Inc., against N. C. Sharp, tried yesterday in the Law and Equity Court, judgment was entered in the sum of \$45,622.



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